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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, EAID, EFIN, DR
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER: NEW PL 480 TITLE I AGREEME
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1. DURING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER REPORTED ELSEWHERE,
I MENTIONED THAT WE HAD RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A
NEW PL 480 TITLE I AGREEMENT TOTALING DOLLARS 4.8 MILLION FOR
PURCHASE OF RICE AND CORN. I EMPHASIZED THAT AN AGREEMENT
HAD TO BE SIGNED, COMMODITIES ORDERED AND SHIPMENT BEGUN
PRIOR TO SEPT. 30.

2. BALAGUER WAS INTERESTED IN THE OFFER AND SAID THAT HE
WOULD DESIGNATE HIS NEGOTIATING TEAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD NAME BISONO, HEAD OF INESPRE,
SELIMAN, HIS ECONOMIC ADVISER, THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
AND PERHAPS SOME ONE FROM CEDOPEX, WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO
CONTACT AID DIRECTOR MORRIS IMMEDIATELY.

3. COMMENT: CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR PERICHE, WHOM WE HAD AT
FIRST CONSULTED RE PROPOSED NEGOTIATION, PROVED NEGATIVE
BECAUSE WHEAT ALONE WAS ON HIS LIST OF IMPORTED AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS FOR WHICH CENTRAL BANK MADE EXCHANGE AVAILABLE
AT OFFICIAL RATE. SINCE THE GOVERNMENT FLOUR MILL HAD
ALREADY ORDERED CONSIDERABLE WHEAT FOR ITS 1978 NEEDS,
PERICHE WAS UNINTERESTED IN THE PROPOSED LOAN SINCE IT
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WOULD NOT SAVE OFFICIAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE. HE SAID HE HAD
SENT AN "OBJECTIVE" MEMORANDUM ON THE SUBJECT TO THE
PRESIDENT, MAINTAINING THAT HE WAS NOT ADAMANTLY OPPOSED
TO THE PROPOSED LOAN.

4. IN LIGHT OF PERICHE'S ATTITUDE, I TALKED TO BELLO ANDINO,
BALAGUER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, DESCRIBED PERICHE'S ATTITUDE

AND EXPLAINED THE DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE THAT THE
PROPOSED LOAN WOULD PROVIDE THE GODR. BELLO, WHO IS A
QUICK STUDY, SAID THAT HE WOULD BRIEF THE PRESIDENT
PRIOR TO MY MEETING WITH HIM. FROM BALAGUER'S POSITIVE
ATTITUDE, BELLO APPEARS TO HAVE DONE VERY WELL INDEED.
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